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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/611,320
	Filing Date	July 6, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Richard J. Collins
	Group Art Unit	3722
	Examiner Name	W. Fridie
	Attorney Docket No.	016762.085-US01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

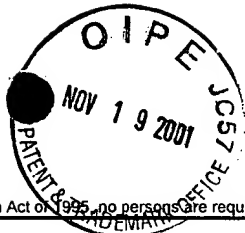
1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114	
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	Previously submitted
i. <input type="checkbox"/>	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
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ii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
2. Miscellaneous	
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
ii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 enclosed
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002		Complete if Known	
Patent fees are subject to annual revision.		Application Number	09/611,320
		Filing Date	July 6, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Richard J. Collins
		Examiner Name	W. Fridie
		Group Art Unit	3722
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		740.00	Attorney Docket No. 016762.085-US01
METHOD OF PAYMENT		FEE CALCULATION (continued)	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to: Deposit Account Number 50-0740 Deposit Account Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		3. ADDITIONAL FEES	
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1. BASIC FILING FEE		105 130 205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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101 740 201 370 Utility filing fee		147 2,520 147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
106 330 206 165 Design filing fee		112 920* 112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
107 510 207 255 Plant filing fee		113 1,840* 113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
108 740 208 370 Reissue filing fee		115 110 215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
114 160 214 80 Provisional filing fee		116 400 216 200 Extension for reply within second month	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00		117 920 217 460 Extension for reply within third month	
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES		118 1,440 218 720 Extension for reply within fourth month	
Total Claims 33 -33** = <input type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/> = 0.00		128 1,960 228 980 Extension for reply within fifth month	
Independent Claims 3 -3** = <input type="checkbox"/> x <input type="checkbox"/> = 0.00		119 320 219 160 Notice of Appeal	
Multiple Dependent <input type="checkbox"/> = <input type="checkbox"/>		120 320 220 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
Large Entity Small Entity		121 280 221 140 Request for oral hearing	
Fee Code Fee (\$) Fee Code Fee (\$) Fee Description Fee Paid		138 1,510 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
103 18 203 9 Claims in excess of 20		140 110 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
102 84 202 42 Independent claims in excess of 3		141 1,280 241 640 Petition to revive - unintentional	
104 280 204 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		142 1,280 242 640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
109 84 209 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent		143 460 243 230 Design issue fee	
110 18 210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		144 620 244 310 Plant issue fee	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0.00		122 130 122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above		123 50 123 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
		126 180 126 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
		581 40 581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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		149 740 249 370 For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
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		169 900 169 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Richard J. Collins, et al.

Application No.: 09/611,320 ✓

Group Art Unit: 3722

Filed: July 6, 2000

Examiner: W. Fridle

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
2. Fee Transmittal;
3. Reply and Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.111;
4. Check No. 287649 for \$740 for the RCE filing fee; and
5. Return receipt postcard.

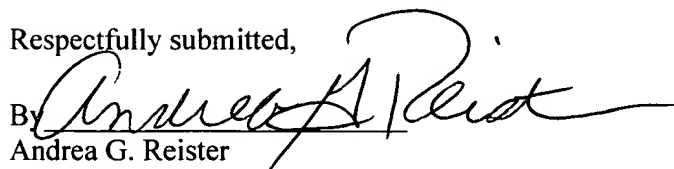
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 016762.085-US01. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent

abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: November 19, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Collins *et al.*
Appl. No.: 09/611,320 ✓
Filed: July 6, 2000
For: **Card with Increased Gripability**

Art Unit: 3722
Examiner: W. Fridie, Jr.
Atty. Docket: 16762.085.US01

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Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 7), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks, as well as the accompanying request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740 referencing docket number 16762.085.US01.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as follows:

1. (amended) A credit-card-sized card comprising a front, a back, and tread comprising a plurality of generally hemispherically shaped raised dimples for improving the gripability of said card.

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